

**Weather**  
Mostly fair in the valley through Thursday except occasional cloudiness at times and patchy dense morning fog. Little temperature change. Lows tonight in the 30s. Highs both days in the 50s to low 60s. Light winds. High today at Livermore 60.

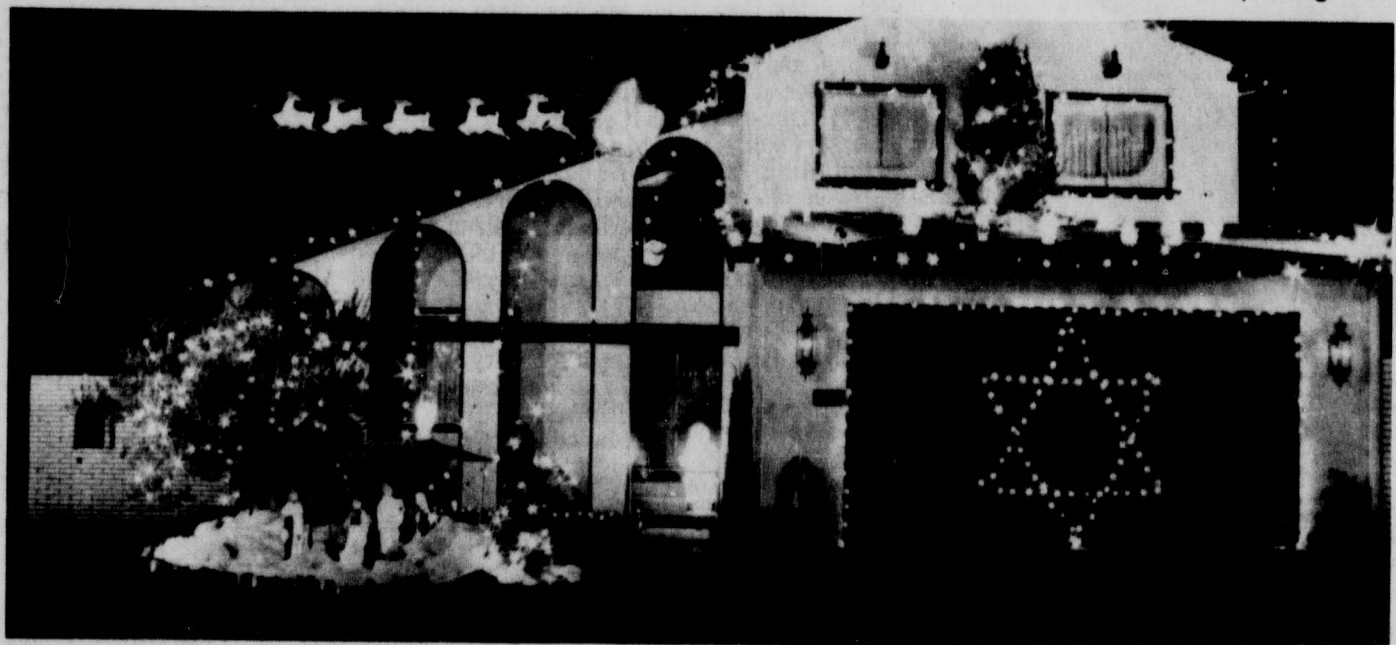


## In the spirit of Christmas

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crompton, 6186 Alvord Way in Pleasanton (above), won second prize in the Pleasanton Jaycees' Christmas Home Decorating Contest. Third-prize went to the Robert Forman home, below, at 7109 Valley Trails Dr. First prize of \$75 went to the Robert Bradley residence at 2273 Camino Brazos.

Judging was held Sunday evening with a panel of senior Pleasanton residents serving as judges. Valley residents are also encouraged to see the array of decorated homes on Hillsboro Court (Stoneridge). Chairman for the contest was Don Grant.

Times Photos by Doug Ault



## Legal fees cited

# McLain hits developer suits

PLEASANTON — The Bay Area homebuilders association should examine the actions of developers who have filed law suits against the city over sewer connections, Councilman Roger McLain said yesterday.

McLain made the statement in a press release left at

city hall yesterday after he filed papers for the coming election. McLain was appointed to the council eight months ago to fill the vacancy created by Floyd Mori's election to the Assembly.

"It is time we ask the homebuilders association to examine the actions of some of

our local developers who have been responsible for exorbitant legal expenditures by the city when we have to defend ourselves in court because of their sewer problems over which we have no control," said McLain.

"Every time we are named by one of these developers as a co-defendant in one of their suits it deprives our citizens of a needed service because we have to budget our legal expenses from our available tax income.

"I think it is time that these developers realize that these recent actions on their part are not only morally and ethically wrong, but that they are biting the hand that feeds them," said McLain.

McLain also called for utilization of citizen talent on ad-hoc advisory committees, such as the one he created to work on the noise element of the general plan. Using citizens' talents may cut down on the need to hire outside consultants, said McLain.

Getting residents involved on in citizens' committees would also give the city council a chance to evaluate people who may deserve appointment to city commissions, he said. The committees could also be a way to obtain a cross-section of community views on various topics, said McLain.

Harris, who abstained, said he could see the opponents' argument. He also felt the gravel companies had some merit to the argument that no reclamation plan will be implemented in the quarry area for the next 30 years.

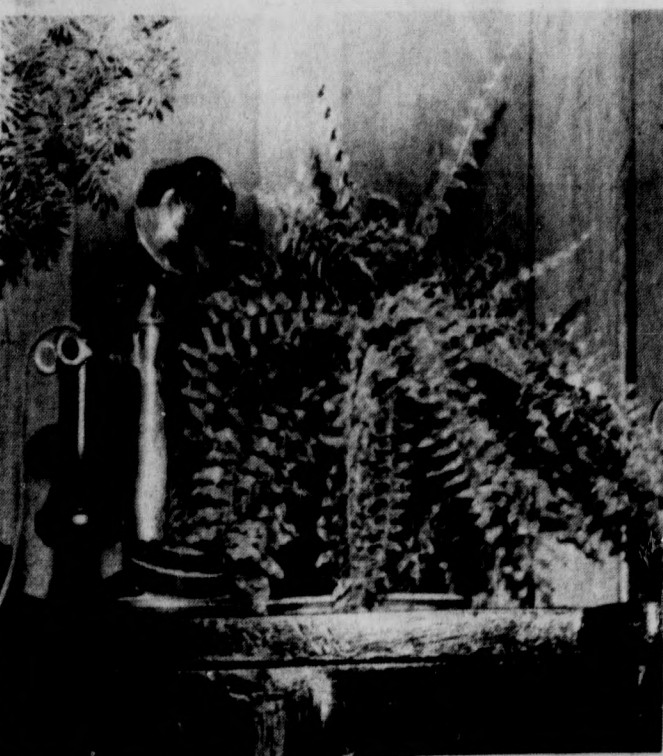
## Split vote favors quarry office site

PLEASANTON — The Valley Sand and Gravel Committee split 4 to 3 in favor of endorsing Rhodes and Jamieson's proposal for an office on five acres near its gravel quarry last week.

The valley's four gravel extractors backed the proposal. Pleasanton councilman Roger McLain, Alameda County planning department staffer Bruce Fry and Livermore planning director George Musso opposed the endorsement. Zone 7 staffer Mun Mar and Pleasanton planning director Robert Harris abstained.

The committee's vote was referred to the Alameda County Planning Commission which took testimony on the Rhodes and Jamieson application Monday and continued the matter to Jan. 5.

The sand and gravel committee opponents argued that the proposed rezoning is within the area to be covered by the valley gravel reclamation plan. Approving a five acre office zoning in that area now will influence the land uses in that area even before the consultant begins his or her one-year study of the area, said the opponents. There are many other suitable locations for the office and the reclamation area site is not crucial for the office, said the opposition.



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Circa 1890 "apres la fete" French gas lamp framed in 20's mirror.



A 19th Century brass French fireman's helmet.

## Combination of factors

# Enrollment drop seen

The opening of another Christian school, the effect of a current one and the new California high school proficiency exam could combine to put a dent in the enrollments at Pleasanton and Amador district schools.

Pleasanton Elementary School District enrollment has dropped by just 18 since May, totaling 5,207 as of Dec. 5.

However, Dr. David Carlisle, district director of research and development, believes opening of the Pleasanton Academy of Christian Education on Alisal Road and the continuing effects of the Valley Christian Day Center — plus a slowdown in completion of new homes — could further cut into the Dec. 5 count. Carlisle estimates the Amador district could lose at least 38 students by early February, principally because

of the proficiency test. Staffing-wise, this would equate to 1½ teachers.

The test, given for the first time ever statewide last Saturday, allows 16 and 17-year olds to take an all-encompassing exam that, if passed, would permit them to leave high school immediately with a "Certificate of Proficiency" — equivalent to a high school diploma.

Ninety-eight students took the four-hour test last Saturday at the Amador Valley High School test center. Carlisle adds, in reference to the potential impact of such future tests, that 140 students originally picked up applications for the test at Dublin High alone. Fifty-seven were taken out at Amador, 19 at Foothill and 15 at Valley Continuation.

Of those figures, 30 at Dublin, 29 at Amador, 10 at Foothill

and 7 at Valley actually were certified to take the test by the College Entrance Exam Board. Certification amounted to verifying the student's age (16 and 17 year olds, only) and remittance of a \$10 fee.

Another proficiency test, with the same enrollment draining potential, is scheduled in March.

Enrollment figures released by Carlisle Tuesday show Harvest Park Middle School with the largest enrollment (1,119), including a high seventh grade total of 366 Pleasanton Middle School, which includes grades 6-8, is second at 976. High enrollment is the sixth grade's 355 students.

Other enrollment totals as of Dec. 5 were Walnut Grove (K-5), 878; Valley View (K-5), 708; Alisal (K-5), 665; Fairlands (K-5), 633; Vintage Hills

(K-3), 228.

In the Amador district, Amador still has the largest enrollment with 1,866 as of Dec. 5. Largest class is the senior contingent with 489. Dublin has 1,687 with a senior "high" of 1,663, Foothill 1,026 with a freshmen high of 397 and Valley Continuation 78.

The Amador district's total of 4,657 is down just 4 from the last count made in November but up considerably from the May of 1974-75 total.

Yet, Carlisle refuses to be discouraged by the possible enrollment deflating factors, noting construction in progress in Del Prado and Heritage Valley.

He counters any pessimism engendered by the proficiency tests with the thought that some of those students opting for an early out may later decide to re-enter.

—by Al Fischer

## School budget in for trouble

PLEASANTON — The Pleasanton Joint School District is heading into the teeth of a full-blown financial quandary that may call for further budget cuts in 1976-77 and a revenue ballot measure in June.

A study budget now in the hands of Pleasanton district trustees indicates that, with present and safely anticipated sources of revenue, the district could even be hard pressed to maintain a status quo operation.

Virginia Gorski, director of financial services, says the document amounts to taking this year (1975-76) and moving the volume of figures up one year.

The Amador Valley Joint High School District board will receive a study budget at their initial 1976 meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Pleasanton trustees, depending on conclusions drawn

after a perusal of the study budget, would have to decide by Feb. 4, 1976 whether or not to go for a revenue measure on the June ballot. The county counsel must be notified four months in advance of the election date.

The study budget is largely a "tool" for trustees to use in determining what categories could present problems.

It will be studied and reworked continuously between now and March when an updated budget will be compiled.

What trustees are currently looking at is a 1976-77 budget with a deficit of \$154,130.

On the deficit financing scale, income to expenditures, the figure of \$292,920 is more than 13 times the deficit figure of 1974-75.

The district estimates a 6.16 per cent increase in base revenue, from \$986.75 per average daily attendance

(ADA) to \$1,047.55.

Of the latter amount, \$542.88 is estimated as the state apportionment and \$504.67 as local support.

Estimated expenditures for 1976-77 include career and experience incremental movement of the certificated and classified salary schedules, adjustments of 14 per cent increase for health benefits and \$22 for the dental program, an increase in the STRS (State Teachers' Retirement System) from 5.6 per cent to 6.4 and a hike of 12 per cent for utilities.

The budget accounts for 204.5 full-time equivalent classroom teachers (K-8) and 251.2 total, when adding in music, special education, special projects (Miller-Unruh), librarians, counselors, nurses, coordinators and administrators.

Total income and beginning balance listed on the study

budget is \$6,475,287, of which \$3.23 million is anticipated to come from state sources and \$2.9 million from local sources.

## City shifts Pleasanton park planning

PLEASANTON — Park and recreation commissioners last night voted 4 to 0 to rearrange a few priorities in the staff's proposed phasing of capital improvements over the next 20 years.

They voted to push development of Mackay II Park from the 1976-86 plans to the 1986-96 time schedule. In return they voted to move up complete development of Hansen, Mission Hill, Val Vista, Woodthrush, and Vintage Hills parks from the 1986-96 list to the 1976-86 period.

## Overlooking pet rocks

# For someone who has everything

So tomorrow's Christmas, and, as usual, you've put off shopping till the last minute.

Oh, sure, the kids' gifts were bought long ago. Wrapped and hidden in the far reaches of the darkest closet to be aired briefly tomorrow before breaking.

Aunt Anne's perfume was a cinch, of course. Ditto Uncle Elmer's tie.

Yes, you, too, succumbed and bought the spouse a pet rock. Almost got the mood ring instead, but the kids beat you to it.

But you say he or she has everything? The complete spouse. Wind him/her up, pat on head once or twice a year and it performs. Needs little or no maintenance?

Ha! Beneath that calm, sober — except for next week — exterior lurks RENAISSANCE PERSON (you should excuse the syntax) whose heart longs for the finer accouterments that make life worth living.

Would believe an \$815 clock?

No, silly, its not just for telling time. It's lovely. Hand-crafted in Germany in the 20's, its eight tone "bim-bam strike" resonates through to the heart of any connoisseur of refined living.

Or a French banquet light — gas, of course — circa 1890 inscribed "apres la fete." Signed, too, "A. de Ranier."

Who said that football duffer with dishpan hands had no class?

For the collector there's an Amos and Andy wind-up, fresh air taxi from the late 20's. It's missing a dog in the front seat, a horseshoe radiator cap and the windshield glass, so it can be had for \$110.

The purist, of course, will want to search for one in mint condition. If you find one, it'll be \$325.

Then there's the 1892 brass telephone. True, the dial was added in the 20's and a wall jack has been attached for easy installation, but who cares? It's gorgeous.

Jim and Sue Hacker's antique store, The Caboose, which features all the above in Pleasanton, offers it for \$155. Anyone who has rummaged through black bottom barrels in the mother load country or smart shops of the Napa valley knows that's a steal.

Does he fancy himself the 19th Century Gallic macho-man? The Hacker's have a brass fireman's dress helmet: \$85.

Circa 1915 pince nez reading glasses from W.R. Springer, optician, of Santa Cruz may be had for \$9.50. The gold chain clips behind the ear for the drowsy reader.

But if her heart and spirit have been into this holiday season, get her that monumental 440-magnum CHP Chrysler engine with a four-barrel Holly carburetor, CH4-B Edelbrock high-rise manifold with Edelbrock rear boat mount that tops out at 360 horsepower.

She'll love you.

Only 12,000 miles on the original block when it was pulled from a 1968 California Highway Patrol car, and owner Rick King has spent more than 60 hours perfecting that massive hunk of molten power.

There's more than \$300 worth of chrome on its manifold and valve covers, whatsamathings and whosits, and even on the dipstick.

It may be viewed at Phil's Chevron, Main and Ray Streets, Pleasanton.

For \$650, though, you've got to supply your own boat. Who called Christmas shopping a bore?

—by Ron Rodriguez





Recently elected officers of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce for 1976 will be installed at the chamber's annual dinner dance Jan. 17 at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. They are (from left): Bill Manis, manager of the Bank of America, president; Milt Codiroli, Codiroli Ford, vice president, chamber development council; Mel Luna, Mel's Store of Bargains, vice president, economic development council; Rick Corbett, Livermore World Travel, vice president, environmen-

tal affairs council; Dottie Farnsworth, United California Bank, vice president, governmental affairs council; John Hein, Investor's Diversified, vice president, past president's council, and parliamentarian; and Bonnie Hartwig, Lloyds Bank, treasurer. Dr. Marshall Kamena, immediate past president, will serve as ex-officio.

## Livermore recreation scheduled

LIVERMORE — Parents may register their children for two winter programs offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District next year — the popular Tiny Tot program and trampoline sessions for children four to 12 years old.

The Tiny Tot program will begin the week of Jan. 19 and continue through the week of March 8. There will be no classes scheduled for Feb. 16.

Instructors will be Janet Eddleman, Pat Surbrook, Cathy Teetsel and Ruth Corbett joining Hedy Lindemuth. Classes will be taught at the Recreation Center, May Nissen School and the Little House on Trevano Road.

Trampoline sessions will be taught at the Recreation Center on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons January through March by instructors Jamie Hillyer and Kim Rogers.

The cost is \$5.50 and seat drops, hand, knee and front drops, and flips will be taught.

LARPD winter session brochures will be distributed to residents and available at the LARPD office at 71 Trevano Road and Recreation Center at 8th and H streets starting Jan. 5. Brochures also will be at the library, Chamber of Commerce, and other locations.

Mail-in registration forms will be contained in the brochures and parents are asked to complete and mail the form with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to LARPD by Jan. 12.

Registrants will receive a confirmation and receipt by Jan. 15.

Regular registration for all other classes begins Jan. 12 at the Recreation Center and continues through the week at the LARPD office. Non-residents may register beginning Jan. 14.

## Building perks up in city

PLEASANTON — Permits were issued for three single family homes in November, bringing to 593 the total housing starts for 1975, the city building department reports.

Commercial and industrial investments continued to show life with a \$41,000 warehouse start in November making that total almost \$360,000 in the last four months.

Six private pool starts in November and 20 permits for residential additions brought the month's total construction activity to \$243,190.

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## "RAP" SHEET

Dublin High Asst. Principal roughed up

DUBLIN — Dublin High School Assistant Principal Richard Parks was roughed up by "three or four" juveniles Friday as he tried to break up a group of approximately 75 youths massed in the school's parking lot, a Sheriff's Dept. spokesman said Monday.

Parks attempted to disperse the juveniles as they milled about in the lot. Suddenly, three or four youths jumped him and began pushing him around.

Parks sustained minor cuts and bruises, plus a torn pants leg. A Dublin High student was arrested in connection with the incident and sheriff's deputies expect more arrests shortly.

Three injured in Hopyard Road accident Saturday

PLEASANTON — Three persons suffered minor injuries Saturday when two vehicles collided on Hopyard Road.

Police said Arthur Joseph McAlice of Pleasanton was stopped northbound on Hopyard awaiting clearance to make a left turn. Thomas David Dillard, also of Pleasanton, was approaching McAlice's car in the same lane.

Dillard told police he reached over to change the radio station and didn't notice the stopped car until it was too late.

No citations were issued.

More than \$2,000 in rings and coins stolen

LIVERMORE — More than \$2,000 worth of rings and coins was stolen from a North Livermore Avenue residence early Monday.

Robert Edward Ashworth told police he returned home and discovered two rings, approximately \$50 in foreign coins, and several brass military insignias missing from his dresser.

No signs of forced entry or ransacking were found. Police have no suspects in the case.

Juvenile arrested breaking into truck

LIVERMORE — Police early Sunday arrested a juvenile attempting to break into a pick-up truck and seized a six-inch steak knife from his possession.

Ofc. Jack Stewart was stopped at the stop sign on Wagoner at El Caminito about 3 a.m. Sunday. He noticed a juvenile apparently trying to pry open the wind wing of a parked truck on El Caminito.

Ofc. Stewart turned off his lights and approached to within 50 yards of the suspect at a slow speed before being spotted. The youth bolted from the truck as Stewart and Reserve Ofc. Patrick Brosman gave chase.

The juvenile suspect was caught after a brief pursuit. A body search uncovered a six-inch steak knife, one pair of wire cutters, and an American flag.

The youth was released to his parents and referred to a juvenile counseling officer.

Thieves remove four wheels from pick-up

PLEASANTON — Four tires and wheels valued at \$240 were stolen last week from a pick-up truck while it was parked on Black Avenue.

Kermit Pope of Santa Rita Road told police the theft occurred while he was visiting his girlfriend on Black Avenue. There are no suspects in the case.

Two sisters arrested on suspicion of shoplifting

PLEASANTON — Two juvenile sisters, residents of Madrone Way, were arrested and booked on suspicion of stealing clothes from the Kiddie Kage clothes shop on Santa Rita Road last week.

One of the girls later admitted entering the store to steal something for her niece. She picked up an infant's pantsuit and placed it under her blouse before walking out of the store.

The clerk's brother entered the store at that moment and saw the girl walk out with the clothes. He wrote down the license number of the car in which she left and phoned police.

The girl was released to her parents.

—by Bill Cauble



RON KOLACEK, center, checks carpeting he donated and installed in reading loft of Bill Radulovich's room at Pleasanton Middle School. Taking advantage of stylish new reading area are Monty Hanna and Gail Cheng.

## Parents, carpet firm meld efforts for reading loft

PLEASANTON — Through their own efforts as well as those of parents and civic-minded businesses such as California Custom Carpets, the sixth grade classroom of Bill Radulovich has a new reading loft, book shelves and six audio centers.

But let Nancy Massa, a student in Radulovich's class at Pleasanton Middle School tell how it all came about:

"I am in the sixth grade and we are building a loft in our room. We have raised

money and put most of it up. So we mailed letters to carpet dealers and waited for responses and I got the first call in three days.

"Mr. Ron Kolacek from California Custom Carpets called me on the phone and very nicely donated carpet for the loft. That same day he came down to the school. The next day he gave us the carpet and installed it himself."

The carpet is a luxurious red and measures 8 by 18 feet. Tze-gay Cheng, father of

sixth grader Gail, designed the loft and provided many of the tools and hardware to get the job done. Another parent, Robert Dickinson, is building the ladder that connects the loft with the classroom.

Also helping the project was Dr. J.L. Shankar, a professor at Cal State Hayward. The six audio stations at the base of the loft include tapes to aid students in reading, science and social studies.

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## Nursing program wins approval

The baccalaureate nursing program at Cal State Hayward has been awarded accreditation by the National League for Nursing, the university announced yesterday.

Accreditation was awarded by the League after review of the program earlier this month.

More than 200 students are enrolled in the program which was established at Cal State in 1971. Students receive their clinical instruction in a variety of health agencies and hospitals throughout the Bay Area.

Graduates of the nursing program are eligible to earn the State of California's public health nursing certificate. The State Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration accredited the university program in 1974.

Dr. Dora Blackmon, chairman of the Nursing Department, said the university is currently accepting applications for both pre-nursing and nursing majors for Fall Quarter, 1976. For more information, contact the department at 881-3481.

## 'Creative Divorce' course set in valley

LIVERMORE — Going through a divorce?

A six-week course in "Creative Divorce" can give you just the help you need, whether it's finding cheap legal help, working out child-care arrangements or easing the mental misery of a "failed" marriage.

Counselor Jill Kidd is in charge of the group, which will involve both men and women. "Creative Divorce" will be held Monday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 5, in the Anthropos Foundation office at 1814 Catalina Court (off Holmes.)

Fee is \$25. "Divorce can be a growth experience," explains Ms. Kidd, who is herself separated from her husband. "This course is for anyone separated, divorced or contemplating it."

Registration and further information are available through the Anthropos Foundation line, 455-1814. Ms. Kidd can be contacted at 455-0970.

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# A happy Christmas for Tiffani

By LILLY AULT

"I'm just glad it's all over with," softly commented Tiffani Devany. "We just want to say 'thank you', Merry Christmas to our friends out there and hope they all have a blessed New Year," said Janice Miller, mother of Tiffani.

"Their constant prayers and overwhelming support the past four years helped all of us tremendously. We're looking forward to enjoying a normal family life in 1976. It's been a long time since we have had one."

Four years ago Tiffani was rushed to the hospital on Christmas Day with an extreme stomach ache. The ache turned out to be a malignant tumor (rahabdomyo) the size of a small child's football. Tiffani has fought for her life constantly during these last four years.

In July of 1973 she went into the hospital for her routine check-up and it was discovered she had a lung tumor in the lower left side of the lung. That portion of her lung had to be removed.

Following this, her chemotherapy treatments plus medication began. She has been on those treatments until July of this year. Presently she is required to have a chest film once a month. As of January it will be every two months. If she continues for two years without any tumors appearing she will be able to stop the chest filming.

"We are so happy," said Janice, "but I still can't help but fear something might happen. I know people probably think I am too protective of Tiffani, but it's been hard to live with what we had to the last four years," she continued. "We will just keep praying and keep our hopes up that all goes well." The future looks good.

Tiffani, as well as her family, is extremely happy as she has been given the report that there is a 98 percent chance that her cancer has been cured. She has made tremendous progress since her radiation treatments have ceased.

A twinkle can be seen in her eyes, which was another problem Tiffani overcame (she was born with a cataracts and was blind the greater part of her childhood). She has good coloring in her pretty face, has put on a little weight and overcome other problems created from the radiation treatments. She is in the sixth grade at Pleasanton Elementary School on a regular basis,

doing well in her school work and has suffered no extreme tiredness.

"The doctor wanted Tiffani to be excused from physical education to give her lung a chance to build up strength," said her mother, "but Tiffani pleaded with him to let her give it a try." He did and Tiffani and her P.E. teacher have it worked out that she may participate in all activities but as soon as she feels tired or shows signs of fatigue she will have to stop. So far, Tiffani has been doing "just great" there too.

Janice speaks very highly of the school's teachers and staff. A few problems occurred with the other children teasing Tiffani which was affecting Tiffani so Janice went to school to speak with the teachers and staff. "They were all just great in working out the problems for me," she said. Even the children's attitude toward Tiffani has changed now that they understand what Tiffani has been through.

Mrs. Virginia Madden is Tiffani's teacher and Janice is very thankful and pleased as she is "just the kind of teacher I want Tiffani to have," she said. "She has been just wonderful in telling it like it is to us and that is the way we want it."

Tiffani has not only gained a new lease on life, but she has acquired a new father who is in the process of legally adopting her, a set of new grandparents and four cousins.

Her mother and Larry Miller, assistant to the Pleasanton city manager and personal office were married recently. For a wedding present, Janice's uncle will pay for the legal fees of Larry becoming Tiffani's father.

"A lot of people are surprised by Tiffani's progress," said Janice. With the help of the "Candlelights," an organization composed of parents with children having similar diseases and her faith, Janice never gave up hope that Tiffani would not recover. "I had my moments and had to tell myself if it does happen that I lose her I must prepare myself," she said. "Yet I felt there was hope with each treatment." There is no doubt in Janice's mind that her prayers and the community's prayers were heard.

A poem, quoted below, was also a big comfort to Janice. "I read it constantly and still do from time to time," she said. She would like to share it with all parents.



Tiffani decorated the fireplace in her new home with a few of the many ornaments she received one Christmas from concerned citizens in the community.

## To all parents

"I'll lend you for a little while  
a child of mine," He said,  
It may be six or seven years —  
or twenty-two or three,  
But, will you, till I call him back,  
take care of him for me?  
He'll bring his charm to gladden you,  
and, should his stay be brief,  
You'll have his lovely memories  
as solace for your grief.  
I cannot promise he will stay,  
since all from life return,  
But there are lessons taught down there  
I want this child to learn.  
I've looked the wide world over  
in my search for teachers true,  
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes,  
I have selected you.  
Now will you give him all your love,  
nor think the labor vain,  
Nor hate Me when I come to call  
to take him back again?"  
I fancied that I heard them say,  
"Dear Lord Thy Will be done,  
For all the joy the child shall bring,  
the risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter him with tenderness,  
we'll love him while we may,  
And, for the happiness we've known,  
forever grateful stay.  
But, should the angels call him  
much sooner than we've planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes  
and try to understand."  
— by Edgar A. Guest

From the book "All in a Lifetime" by E.A. Guest  
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## Gift boxes

Lewis Markley of the United States Government Veterans Administration Hospital, Livermore is thrilled by the "gift box" presented to him by May Ludington, president and Edna Shultz, historian, of the Livermore-Pleasanton Emblem Club No. 413. The gift boxes distributed to 75 veterans were filled with handknit slippers, socks, shaving lotion, soap, combs, toothbrushes, cards, candy, nuts, fruit and \$50 in stamps for writing letters.



## Holiday Greetings

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## BURGLARS BEWARE.

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There will be more sparkle and light in the Miller home this year than just the Christmas tree to which Tiffani puts her finishing touches.

## YMCA training conference

Four members of the Twin Valley YMCA Leadership Club will attend a state-wide training conference Jan 10-12 at San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The conference is an integral part of the YMCA Youth and Government program which climaxes with the California Model Legislature in Sacramento in late January.

Mark Zevanove and Rick Burroughs of Amador Valley High School, and Jim Cross of Granada High School will attend the conference with a two-fold purpose: To learn their job requirements in Sacramento as model senators, assemblymen and court representatives, and to gain support for their bill which will be considered at Sacramento. The bill will propose a change in election and selection of delegates to the national party presidential conventions.

The Leadership Club is made up of high school student boys and girls who have an interest in community service and leadership roles.

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# The Times

## Editorial and Feature Page

John B. Edmonds, Editor and Publisher

### Why we bother with Christmas

It was at the end of another long, tiring December day, and the businessman who labored so very hard to "cash in on this season" turned to the wife who had drained her energies to prepare the house and the dinner and the gift list, and he said —

"Why do we do this to ourselves every Christmas?"

At times it seems as though the joy of the season is lost in the great crush of gift buying and turkey basting. It is a time also when pastors climb their pulpit to remind us that "the 25th of December is the anniversary of one who came with a special message, for all men of good will."

But, just as many ignore the messenger, most also have forgotten the message.

But not quite all. Not the restaurant owner who served a Christmas eve dinner to 130 people "who might not have had a hot meal this week."

Not the unknown benefactor who remembered a beautiful Pleasanton family which sustained a crippling blow so many years ago, but whose need is still real. And so was the "truly marvelous gift" that was sent, just in time for Christmas, because this is the season to remember.

And not the consular official who took time to advise us that the troubled Dublin mother who filled the front pages of 1975 with her tragedy, is now finding new hope, and new life perhaps, in her native land. So that we might know there is profit even in judicial mercy.

And there is also that chain store Santa of our acquaintance, who found himself confronted by a ten-year-old girl at a moment when that store was mercifully quiet. And he wondered what new burden this child would lay upon a weary weekend Santa.

"I want my Daddy back for Christmas," she demanded. "He went away, and Mommy says she doesn't know if he'll come back. I want my Daddy home for Christmas."

And suddenly that chain store Santa was struck with the meaning of Christmas, and how poorly any of us might respond.

"Not the gift, but the love of the giver," the psalmist wrote. Not the holiday, but the holiday.

Not people, but a person. Me. My willingness to understand, and to respond.

And that is why Christmas is worth bothering about every year, if only because it reminds us to try.

### Get rested for...

So that you can be assured 1976 promises to maintain the same intensity of "regional interest" in this valley as was afforded in 1975, we remind you of the upcoming schedule of events...

On January 7 the Association of Bay Area Governments will devote an entire session to "proposed amendments to the Livermore General Plan." ABAG invites the public to join that Bay Area panel in studying Livermore's planning concepts, sentence by sentence, pollutant by pollutant.

It makes one hope that ABAG is lending that same kind of careful overview to all plans for all Bay Area cities... including (dare we hope) all those high rises and sports centers planned by the City of SF (Sewerage Flow) on the west side of the bay.

On June 20 there will be a gathering of all valley authority to decide whether a federal authority should be invited to come in and help us solve this-n-that about water.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has

volunteered its considerable expertise in the matter of flood control and waste discharge, but for some reason there are local rumblings which suggest "we want no part of the feds." It all suggests a revival of that 1974 "No Growth" campaign with a new 1976 twist... "If we never let them solve the problems, then we'll always have a reason to complain."

On a brighter note, there is that "History of the Amador-Livermore Valley" which Chabot College is offering at its Valley Campus. In six classes starting Jan. 21 and running through Feb. 25, distinguished valley residents will share their knowledge of our delightful heritage.

Even that scholarly tour of our history promises to wind up on a spirited note. The Feb. 25 final class lists "Helen Tirsell and William Herlihy debating Problems of Today and Tomorrow."

What was that you were saying about "moving to a nice, quiet little town in the country?"

### Letter to The Times

Seniors big year

Editor, The Times:

As 1975 draws to a close we would like to thank everyone who has assisted the Senior Service Center in 1975.

We appreciate the newspaper coverage of our various services, and the guidance of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors and staff in particular.

It is sometimes said that seniors are forgotten people but in the local area programs and legislation are constantly planned, studied and carried out, particularly in the

Health Care field. Our services include information on all aspects on the needs of the elderly, handicapped, and those existing on a low income. Meals-on-wheels, blood pressure clinics, diabetes screening, employment for the elderly, assistance with the tax problems and adult education are all offered and received with gratitude by the older residents of the Valley.

The coming year will bring expanded programs and our pledge to continue the services to our community.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Lillian Snorf, Director  
Elizabeth Lovell, Community Aide  
Maryhelen Scott, Neighborhood Aide  
Majorie Robinson, Secretary

Frank shook his head.

"A sad case," he replied. "She was married this afternoon and her husband's ship sails in 48 hours. After the wedding they were alone — they were childhood sweethearts from Rock Springs, Wyoming — except for some of his navy friends. They wanted to give him a big sendoff and they launched him all right. Next thing he knew he had hauled anchor and was sailing right through the plate glass window of Blackie Blumenstein's cigar store. We're waiting now to see if Blackie will press charges. If he does we turn the kid over to the shore patrol. And you know what that means."

I knew what that meant and I knew Blackie. He was a good fellow and my old friend, but I doubted he would find it in his heart to forgive the destruction of one of those big windows that enclosed his shop.

Blackie was, by profession, a bookmaker and bookies have a high regard for those long, green bills which are used for the purchase of plate glass windows and Cadillac.

Big, jovial Walter Sullivan, the cop who made the arrest, was waiting in the bureau. He was apologetic. "What could I do," he inquired. "The kid was so drunk he could hardly see. He lurched and stumbled through the window right under my nose."

The girl moved and moaned a little and just then Blackie came through the door. He was smoking one of those eternal long, thick cigars, the best he sold in his store, and dressed, even at that hour of the morning, fastidiously, the carefully tailored black topcoat flawlessly pressed, the Hornberg hat freshly blocked. He eyed the girl on the bench with a touch of cynicism.

"What's her sad story?" he asked.

Walter told him while we walked the short block and a half from the old Hall of Justice on Kearney street to the place where Blackie sold cigars and took bets. He listened, not saying a word, then examined the damage carefully when we reached the store.

"A couple of hundred bucks," he said. "At least a

couple of hundred bucks."

"Then — you'll want to press charges?" Walter asked. He was a sentimental cop. His voice was breaking a little.

Blackie grinned. "How much dough do you think this kid is good for?" he inquired.

Sullivan shrugged. "Nothing. Not a damn cent."

"Then what good will it do me to press charges? Will that get my window back?"

Sullivan beamed. We all walked back to the hall and watched while Walter went upstairs and got the boy. He came down in a few moments, still trying to brush his blues clean.

He walked right into her arms and she cradled her head on his shoulder and after a while she smiled her thanks at Blackie and the two of them walked out, arms locked around each other and ready to resume what was left of their honeymoon.

Sullivan looked at Blackie. "You're softer than I thought," he said. "A better man."

Blackie grinned broadly. "It was nothing," he said. "You forget it is Chanukah. A time of rejoicing. The Assyrians have been defeated."

He turned and left, swaggering a little, I thought. After a while I called the office and said, "Nothing doing on police."

Then I walked along Kearney Street hearing the chimes and the bells and carillon caroling the morning to life and the fog was beginning to break when I turned up California Street to my room.

I passed old St. Mary's and a priest was busy at the door of the cathedral. He saw me alone on the street and called happily, "Merry Christmas."

I answered, "Merry Christmas."

Then the bells of the cathedral began to sing "Adeste Fideles," which means, of course, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful."

The tones were loud and clear and beautiful in the brightening dawn.



### Hospital's Yule scene is a valley tradition

Nowhere in the valley is the spirit of Christmas more evident than at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Livermore. Decorations abound within that stately structure and throughout the grounds. There is an annual Christmas Pageant, and a timely visit from Santa Claus, who brings gifts of joy to each of the 175 patients within the hospital. Much of this activity is the work of the Veteran Hospital's Christmas Committee, and the three photos on this page capture just some of that delightful Christmas scene.



### Found the town

'Twas the 24th day of December  
And all through the world, people were asking —  
"What ever happened to the feast they called 'Christmas?'"

For in the pressure to preserve the balance of trade, uphold the gold standard and keep the oil flowing, the world simply had not had time for frivolous matters, like birthday parties for some obscure babe.

And so it was that Christmas, in time, was simply forgotten.

Oh, there was still the great retail push at year's end. But that was launched before Thanksgiving and ran steadily through the January White Sales. Merchants were quoted as "having our biggest days in the third week of November and the first ten days in January." It no longer mattered why, it was only important that the GNP kept climbing.

"It was once a religious observance, of sorts," oldtimers would tell their grandchildren, who didn't really believe a word of it. For religion had long since become a belief in "doing it my way, as long as I bring physical harm to no other."

The ancient rites that grandfather tried to link to church and Sunday and something called "prayer" had long since given way to those grand weekend rallies at the Coliseum... where tens of thousands gathered for football and hockey and "soul music" and "Moon Sessions" and all the other exciting rites of our time.

And Sunday was little more than one-fourth of the new four-day weekend, and anyone under 50 was hard pressed to remember the significance of one day over the next.

And the 25th of December was known for little more than the second round playoffs for the World's Spectacular Bowl. It was also the busiest travel day of the year, all airlines reported.

Gallup did a survey, although no one was certain why. "What does the birth of the Christ child mean to you?" The question left most young people dumbfounded. A group of parents in Detroit filed suit, claiming "The Gallup organization is trying to encroach on the peoples' right to free thought." The Supreme Court promised to review the matter in February.

"We simply thought it might be nice to recall some of the folklore from our nation's past," Dr. Gallup tried to explain. He pointed out that "we had surprisingly good response to the poll, mostly from the midwest, and from those over 60." But, privately, he agreed "the survey was probably in bad taste, and accomplished little more than to open up old wounds." Fortunately, most of the nation's newspapers declined to publish the results of that poll, so the controversy was soon stilled.

There was still that other court test. The one in which Houston parents were defending the school superintendent's right to "operate all public schools by remote video systems, and thereby eliminate the danger of exposing young minds to the uncertainties of the living instructor."

Most observers agreed the school superintendent's position would be upheld, just as it had been for those multi-lingual International Fellowship Simulcasts, which now dominated most prime time viewing and listening from its studios in Cape Town.

But the news media was not following that case either, not on this 24th day of December. For the story that dominated all news systems this day was the one originating in the United Forum headquarters in Sydney. "Five Worlds Assembly Says Starvation End In Sight." It was, experts agreed, a triumph of 21st Century science over the resources of the universe.

"No longer shall peoples' bodies be deprived of nutrition necessary to sustain them for 100 years and more," the chairman of the Five Worlds Assembly said in making that announcement.

And the world rejoiced. Al, that is, except for one voice in that Assembly. It was one who had already lived to his 100th year, and he remembered how it was, in those other, difficult years.

"We have solved the starvation in men's bodies," that representative said, "but we have done nothing to ease the hunger of the world's spirit." And then he added, "Perhaps we should consider reviving the celebration of Christmas."

But the Assembly ignored his remarks, of course, and the news media wrote him off as "some kind of nut."

And so, on the eve of the 25th day of December, in the year nineteen hundred and seventy five, we might wonder at the reason we do what we do, and we could also think of how it might be in some future time, when the world forgot about Christmas.

— by john edmonds



### Sound and Fury

Walt Hecox

Just before dawn she sat on the long, wooden bench beyond the counter that separated her from the central office of the Bureau of Inspectors where the night crew spent the long hours between homicides and holdups.

Her hands were in her lap when I first saw her, twisting a damp and soiled handkerchief which had long since stopped serving any useful purpose when used as a dam to check her tears.

She sat with her face against the marble wall, a strand of hair dangling from the carefully arranged coiffure which she and a girl friend had worked with for hours so it would be perfect for the greatest day of her life.

Her eyes were closed, seeking sleep which would not come and the unchecked tears continued to flow, eroding moist little river beds through the light makeup on her cheeks.

Her shining leather purse and the matching black pumps were brand new as was the suit. It was an inexpensive gabardine which was popular at the time.

But the nap was worn from the elbows of her red cloth coat after years of daily winter wear and her hands were older than the baby doll face, aged by years of manual labor which must have started at a tender age.

I went into the communications room where Frank Matlin was working on the board.

"Who's the girl in the bureau?" I inquired.

### Lighter Times

I want to congratulate the Pleasanton Recreation Department on its media blitz to encourage the use of the new city-leased indoor tennis courts at the county fairgrounds.

The department seems capable of turning out at least one press release per day on the topic, quite a tribute to their creative writing abilities.

But eventually they will run out of new angles for the papers to use, so I want to suggest to them a few new wrinkles as borrowed from my cousin Harry "Hiya" McNicoll, a well-known public relations person back East.

Harry once had the recreation department account in Precious City, New Hampshire. He was great at thinking up good picture ideas of the sort which editors loved to run, so I am sharing with you a memo he wrote on the subject in hopes it will inspire the Pleasanton recreation department to even greater heights.

"How about a shot of tennis instructor Dooley Ricketts digging a local version of the Panama Canal with his tennis racket? Editors will think of a clever caption like 'Shoveling off to Panama' or something like that."

"2. In the old days, we flacks would call the local Playboy Club and have them send down a few Bunnies to pose with the tennis instructor. We can't do that anymore — Women's Lib, ya know — so we can capitalize instead on Women's Lib."

"We'll get 20 Billie Jean King look-alikes and 20 fat old men resembling whatshisname, that fella who lost to Billie Jean, and we'll advertise it as the biggest grudge match of the century. It should make a fine grand opening kickoff and get plenty of ink in the big dailies."

There you have it — just two of Cousin Harry's sure-fire ideas to promote tennis instruction. I'm sure the Pleasanton Recreation Department can come up with even better ones.

— by Ron McNicoll



# Television Listings

**Tues., Dec. 23**
**8:00 A.M.**

 5-10—Capt. Kangaroo  
 7-13—A.M. America  
 9—Yoga with Lillas  
 40—Speed Racer

**8:30 A.M.**

 2—Rompers Room  
 9—Mister Rogers  
 40—Dennis the Menace

**9:00 A.M.**

 2—Big Valley  
 3—Celebrity Sweepstakes  
 5—Price Is Right  
 7—A.M. San Francisco  
 9—Sesame Street  
 10—At Nine on Ten  
 13—Morning Scene  
 40—Jack Lallane

**9:30 A.M.**

 3—Wheel of Fortune  
 10—Price Is Right  
 40—Love Lucy

**10:00 A.M.**

 2—Movies:  
 Mon: "The Interns"  
 Tues: "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"  
 Wed: "Susan Slept Here"  
 Fri: "The Uninhabited"  
 9—Kathryn Crosby  
 9—Electric Company  
 13—Truth or Consequences  
 40—Movies:  
 Mon: "The Day the Earth Stood Still"  
 Tues: "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians"  
 Fri: "Three Stooges Go Around the World"

**10:30 A.M.**

 3—Hollywood Squares  
 5—Love of Life  
 7-13—Happy Days  
 40—Not for Women Only

**11:00 A.M.**

 3—High Rollers  
 4—Somerset  
 5-10—Young and the Restless  
 7-13—Showoffs  
 36—Left, Right and Center  
 44—News Talk  
**11:30 A.M.**  
 3—Magnificent Marble Machine  
 5-10—Search for Tomorrow  
 7-13—Rhyme and Reason  
 36—Yoga  
 44—New Zoo Revue

**NOON**

 2—Courtship of Eddie's Father  
 3-4-5-10—News  
 7-13—Edge of Night  
 9—Movies:  
 Mon: "The Brain That Wouldn't Die"  
 Tues: "Lost Battalion"  
 Wed: "The Kansan"  
 40—Dick Van Dyke  
 44—Leave It To Beaver

**12:30 P.M.**

 2—That Girl  
 3—Days of Our Lives  
 5-10—As the World Turns  
 7-13—All My Children  
 9—Yoga  
 40—Andy Griffith  
 44—Movies:  
 Mon: "The Bullfighters"  
 Tues: "Earth vs. The Flying Saucers"  
 Wed: "The Red Pony"  
 Fri: "Zorro Rides Again"

**1:00 P.M.**

 2—Movies:  
 Mon: "Doctor in the House"  
 Tues: "The Holly and the Ivy"  
 Wed: "Christmas Eve"  
 Fri: "The Little Savage"  
 7-13—Ryan's Hope  
 40—Movies:  
 Mon: "Mr. Soft Touch"  
 Tues: "Pickwick Papers"  
 Wed: "The Miracle"  
 Fri: "Fortunes of Capt. Blood"

**1:30 P.M.**

 3-4—The Doctors  
 5-10—Guiding Light  
 7-13—Let's Make a Deal

**2:00 P.M.**

 3-4—Another World  
 5-10—All in the Family  
 7-13—\$10,000 Pyramid  
 9—Masterpiece Theatre  
 36—Mike Douglas

**2:30 P.M.**

 5-10—Match Game  
 7—One Life to Live  
 13—To Tell the Truth  
 44—Huck and Yogi

**3:00 P.M.**

 2—Porky & Friends  
 3—Movies:  
 Mon: "Pirates of Tortuga"  
 Tues: "Alphaville"  
 Wed: "Boy Ten Feet Tall"  
 Fri: "Help!"

**3:30 P.M.**

 2—Batman  
 5—Mod Squad  
 7—Movies:  
 Mon: "The Man Called Flintstone"  
 Tues: "Hey There, It's Yogi Bear"  
 Wed: "A Christmas Carol"  
 Fri: "Abbott and Costello in Hollywood"

**4:00 P.M.**

 2—Mickey Mouse Club  
 4—Merv Griffin  
 5—Dealers Choice  
 9—Mister Rogers  
 10—Mike Douglas  
 13—Beverly Hillsbillies  
 40—Munsters  
 44—Little Rascals

**4:30 P.M.**

 2—Gilligan's Island  
 5—Mike Douglas  
 9—Sesame Street  
 13—Gomer Pyle  
 40—Partridge Family  
 44—Flintstones

**5:00 P.M.**

 2—Partridge Family  
 3—Bewitched  
 7—News  
 13—Adam 12  
 40—Mod Squad

**5:30 P.M.**

 2—Bewitched  
 3-4-7-10-13—News  
 9—Electric Company  
 36—Get Smart  
 44—Monkees

**6:00 P.M.**

 2-40—Star Trek  
 3-4-5-7-10-13—News  
 9—Christmas Candlelight Caroling Ceremony  
 36—Movie: "The Moon and Sixpence"  
 44—George Sanders

**6:30 P.M.**

9—Children's Christmas Party

**7:00 P.M.**

 13—Merv Griffin  
 44—Adam 12

**7:30 P.M.**

 2—FBI  
 4—Truth of Consequences  
 5-7—News  
 9—The Romagnolis' Table  
 10—Concentration  
 40—Two Christmases with Sandler and Young  
 44—Hogan's Heroes

**8:00 P.M.**

 2—Special: King Family  
 3-4—Little House on the Prairie  
 5-10—Tony Orlando and Dawn  
 7—When Things Were Rotten  
 9—Special: Christmas at Pops  
 13—City That Forgot About Christmas  
 36—Movie: "Kentucky" — Loretta Young  
 40—Movie: "A Christmas Carol" — Alastair Sim  
 44—Dinah!

**8:30 P.M.**

 7—That's My Mama  
 13—Stockton Choral Bicentennial Christmas

**9:00 P.M.**

 2—Saga of Western Man  
 3-4—Doctors Hospital  
 5-10—Cannon  
 7-13—Baretta  
 9—Great Performances

**9:30 P.M.**

44—Best of Groucho

**10:00 P.M.**

 2-40—News  
 3-4—Petrocelli  
 5-10—Blue Knight  
 7-13—Starsky & Hutch  
 9—Berlioz: Requiem  
 36—Merv Griffin  
 44—Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life" — James Stewart

**11:00 P.M.**

 2—Biko  
 3-4-5-7-10-13—News  
 40—Thriller

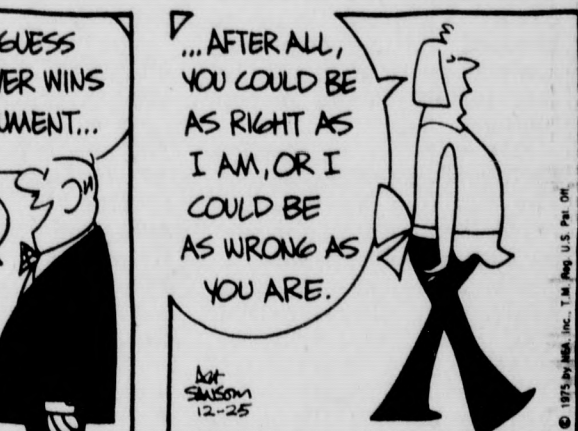
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 2—Honeymoon  
 3-4—Special: Christmas — 1975 Rome  
 5-10—Special: Nation of Nations

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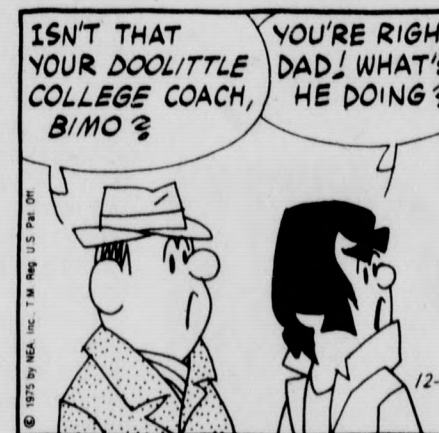
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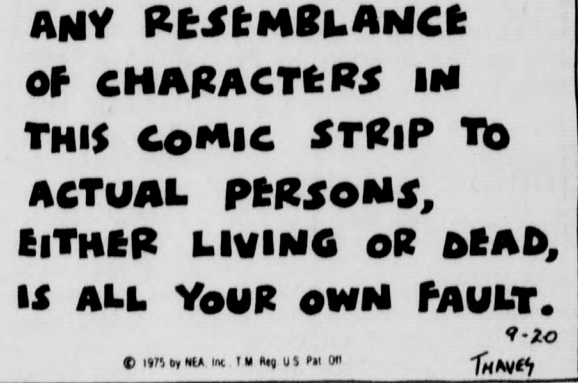
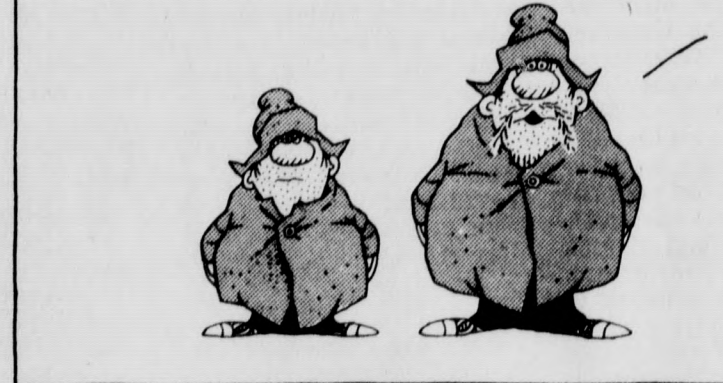
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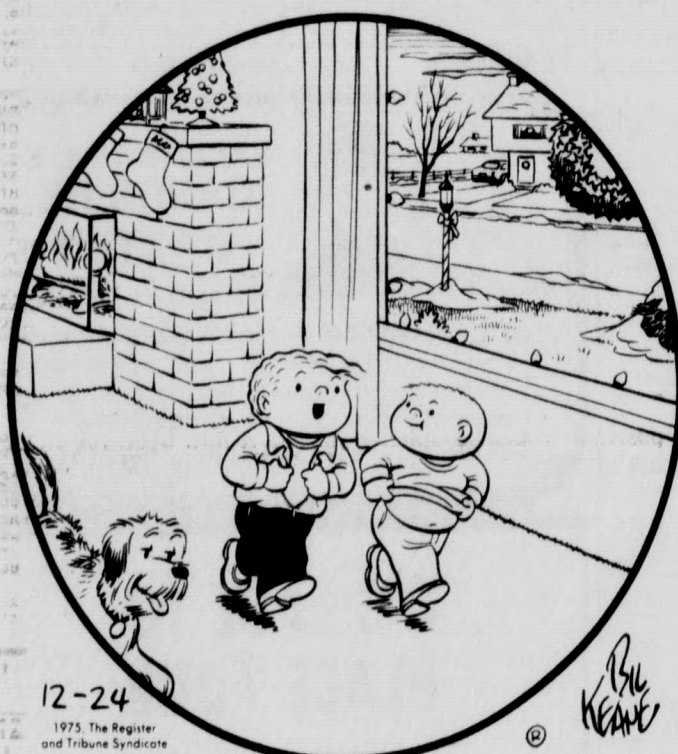


FRANK AND ERNEST



ANY RESEMBLANCE OF CHARACTERS IN THIS COMIC STRIP TO ACTUAL PERSONS, EITHER LIVING OR DEAD, IS ALL YOUR OWN FAULT.

## FAMILY CIRCUS



12-24

"It's gettin' dark, Mommy! Guess we better get ready for bed before You-Know-Who comes!"

## CROSSWORD

### On Foot

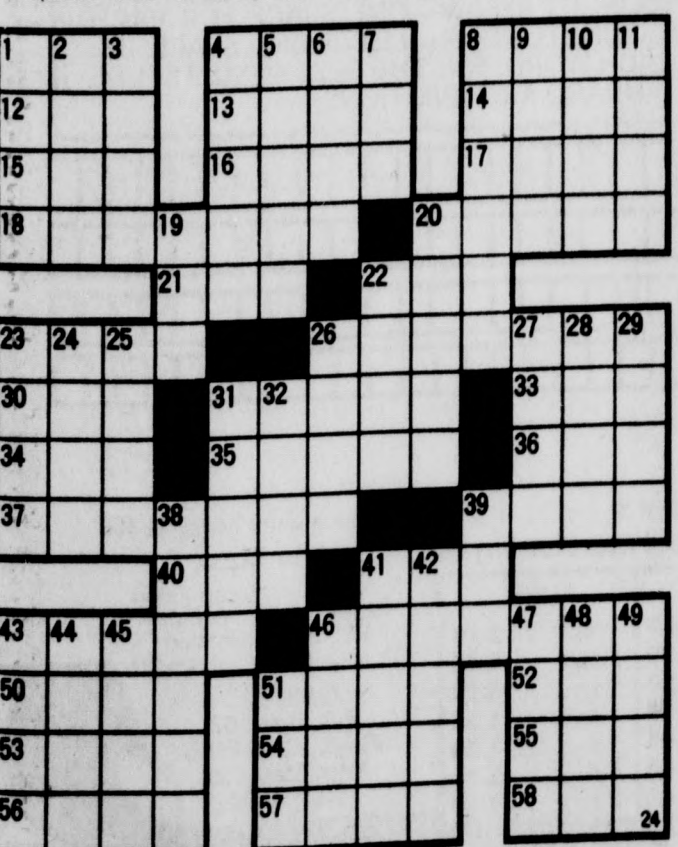
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- Lower limb
- Go by foot
- Pace
- According to
- Lamb's pen name
- Large volume
- 1,051 (Roman)
- Gives consent
- British novelist
- Happens to
- Move sideways
- Beast of burden
- Conjunction
- Change direction
- Snoozer
- Baseball term (ab.)
- Lesson
- Street (ab.)
- Evening (poet.)
- More wan
- Negative prefix
- To walk idly
- Printing direction
- Spanish cheer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

**DOWN**

- Music syllable
- Hard
- Stroll
- Conex moldings
- Foot accident
- Way traveled (ab.)
- Girl's name
- Solitary
- Mouths (Latin)
- Part of "to be"
- Masculine nickname
- Department (ab.)
- Baby sheep
- She (Fr.)
- Manner of walking
- Goes on one's way
- Plants of lily family
- Covers
- Midwest state (ab.)
- Long step
- Having toes



## astrograph

For Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1975

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** This is going to be a busy day for you, with a lot of last-minute details. However, you'll find that special item for the one you love.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Today will prove to be expensive, but your hard-earned money will serve a good cause. The evening will be rather pleasant.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You'll be busy as a beaver today preparing for the family and guests who'll be dropping in. They'll repay you by having a good time.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Spare yourself a heap of frustration today. Rely on delivery services rather than your own wheels. You'll be perkier for party time tonight.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Don't be too lavish in gifts to casual acquaintances. It's embarrassing. Go all the way with loved ones and close friends.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You may have some career frustrations early in the day, but hang in there. Good news, good fellowship and good cheer come in abundance later.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** The day may start out with you being very irritable. Later you'll

mellow. There may even be an early gift to cheer you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Plan something "fun" for this evening. You're going to be in a good mood you'll want to share with dear friends.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** There's a strong possibility of a surprise bonus in store for you from the boss. He'll enjoy giving it as much as you'll like getting.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** A friend whose interests you've looked out for is not unkind of all you've done. She's likely to show her appreciation today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You should benefit much more than usual from the generosity of business associates. Be gracious in your acceptance.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Your better nature gains the upper hand as the day progresses. By evening you'll be the sparkling center of attraction.

**your birthday**

Dec. 24, 1975

You're going to meet someone this coming year who will considerably expand your circle of friends. Through this value you'll make some valuable contacts.

## WIN AT BRIDGE

### Jack gets trump promotion

**NORTH**

♠ J 4  
♥ 10 8 7 2  
♦ A Q J 10  
♣ 8 5 4

**EAST**

♠ AKQ108765  
♥ —  
♦ J 5 3  
♣ 9 8 5

**SOUTH (D)**

♠ 9 3  
♥ A K Q 9 6 4  
♦ K 6 4  
♣ A K

North-South vulnerable

West North East South

Pass 2♥ 4♠ 1♥

Pass Pass Pass 5♥

Opening lead — 2♠

By Oswald &amp; James Jacoby

The trump promotion play is similar to the uppercot. In this play the defense promotes a trump to a winner by forcing declarer to ruff with a high trump.

South really should double East's four-spade bid. He could expect to make a sure, but small, profit. Actually, East would be down two, but South has nine apparent winners and we can't really blame him for trying five

hearts. West opens his partner's suit. East takes two high spades and notes that West has discarded the deuce of clubs. This tells East that West doesn't want a club lead. A look at dummy's diamonds makes a lead of that suit inadvisable, so East simply leads a third spade.

This third spade lead upsets South's applicat. If he ruffs high, West will score his jack of trumps later on. If he doesn't ruff high, West gets his jack right then and there.

### Ask the Jacobys

A Milwaukee reader asks what it means when a partnership announces that they lead third best or fifth best instead of the standard fourth best.

It means exactly what they say. When leading low from a long suit, the fourth best lead is traditional, but if you want to lead third best you may do so. As for fifth best, you don't always have a five-card suit.

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## CARNIVAL

by Dick Turner



"Thirty-seven people are opposed to Congress raising its own salaries, six are in favor and one convinced me I should have more money!"

## SIDE GLANCES

by Gill Fox



"I've been decking the halls with boughs of holly!"



## Sandia employe honored

LIVERMORE — James E. Struve of Vancouver Way, an employe at Sandia Laboratories since September, has received the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding military service.

Struve is one of the first officers of the U.S. Army Nuclear Agency to be so honored. He had completed some 14 years of service before joining Sandia in September.

Struve works in Sandia's Systems Studies Division II. The citation he received reads: "For outstanding meritorious service as Senior Operations Evaluator, Studies, Analyses and Literature Division, United States Army Nuclear Agency, Fort Bliss, Tex., from 26 January 1973 to 10 September 1975. His understanding of the complexities associated with the employment of nuclear weapons combined with his exceptional writing ability contributed immeasurably to the major revision of FM 101-31-1, Staff Officers Field Manual, Nuclear Weapons Employment, a document which will have a deep influence on United States Army nuclear weapons employment concepts for years to come. Major Struve's distinguished performance of duty throughout this period and his entire military career represents outstanding achievement and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service."

Struve's commanding officer, Lt. Col. Frank Benedict, made the award during a ceremony held at Sandia. Others present at the ceremony included Dr. Theodore S. Gold, manager of Sandia's Systems Studies Department, and co-workers.

## I-580 off-ramp suggested

LIVERMORE — Construction of an off-ramp from Interstate 580 at Collier Canyon Road has been recommended by trustees of the South County Community College District.

The off-ramp would provide more direct access to the Chabot Valley campus than the present Airway Blvd. overpass, which is three-quarters of a mile west of Collier Canyon Road.

Livermore city council members earlier had urged construction of such a route to facilitate the traffic flow to the campus.

California Dept. of Transportation officials said the off-ramp would cost approximately \$400,000 to construct at the present time.

In other action, trustees approved an extension of instructional services to inmates at Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center, the only such education in the country.

## Sandia honors eleven staffers

LIVERMORE — Sandia Laboratories honored eleven employes last month in recognition of their service in the Energy Research and Development program. The employes were awarded personal jewelry bearing the laboratories' Thunderbird emblem.

Twenty-year awards were presented to Joseph J. Bradshaw, Cambridge Ct.; Elmond D. Holbrook, Pestana Way; and Martha A. Leverenz, Wall St., all of Livermore.

Jerry D. Hunting of College Ave., Livermore, received a fifteen-year award.

Receiving ten-year honors were Dorothy J. Andrews, Madison Ave.; Richard H. Campiotti, Santa Clara Way; Henry Lucas, Keystone Way; and Marjorie A. Medeiros, El Caminito, all of Livermore; and Norman C. Colcleasure, West 22nd St., Tracy. Five-year awards went to Steve J. Haney, Sunset Dr., and L. Eugene Voelker, Crystal Circle, both of Livermore.

## New seaman

Navy Seaman John J. Janzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Janzen of 695 Sonoma Court in Livermore was graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

# UC Berkeley plans 62 winter events

UC Berkeley's Committee for Arts and Lectures has announced its schedule of events for the winter quarter. The program includes 62 performances of ballet, drama, concerts, and lecture/films, with additional presentations of foreign feature films.

The first event is a curious work by John Augustus Stone: "Metamora, or The Last of the Wampanoags." The play is given in a Reader's Theater version, with direction by Travis Bogard, and production design by Henry May. Two performances only are scheduled on Jan. 9 and 10 at Durham Studio Theater. Other drama offerings include a student-directed production of "War and Peace" and nine performances of Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness."

February will bring a return engagement of the great mime Marcel Marceau, who will give four Zellerbach Auditorium performances; also the Polish Mime Ballet Theater, the outstanding group that defies classification and leaves critics scrambling for superlatives.

The winter schedule is richest in musical events, including three concerts by the San

Francisco Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Seiji Ozawa, Edo de Waart, and Michael Tilson Thomas, respectively. Vocal recitals will include those of mezzo-soprano Jan DeGaetani and of tenor William Wahman, while on the instrumental side, there will be pianist Deno Gianopoulos of the UC Berkeley music faculty, an all-Bach recital by Yuko Hayashi, and a concert by the Flamenco guitarist Carlos Montoya.

A most prominent vocal artist will appear on the CAL schedules for the first time: Cleo Laine, with John Dankworth and ensemble.

The chamber music schedule, regularly a successful feature of CAL programs, will be particularly strong this winter, with appearances by the Beaux Arts Trio, the Tokyo Quartet, and the Bartok Quartet, the latter in two performances devoted to the complete quartets of Bela Bartok.

Berkeley Contemporary Chamber Players return with a program of music by Yun, Davidovsky, and Wilson, and the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra features another

free concert, conducted by Edgar Braun, with no less than five prominent instrumental soloists.

The UC Davis Early Music Ensemble will present a single performance of "The Play of Daniel," and the UC Berkeley Music Department will give the usual quarterly fare: evenings with the University Chorus, the University Symphony Orchestra the Repertory Chorus, and the University Concert Band.

The CAL dance offerings will include two retrospectives by Daniel Nagrin, also an engagement by the Chuck Davis Dance Company, the energetic East Coast group that features Black dances of Africa and America. New to the East Bay will be three performances of the San Francisco Ballet, appearing in Zellerbach Auditorium for the first time, while the American Ballet Theater will return in March for a group of five performances.

There will be yet another Zellerbach Auditorium "first" — Offenbach's hilarious "La Perichole," presented by Spring Opera Theater.

The 1975/76 "Adventures in Celluloid" series continues this winter with two interesting presentations: Shirley and Allan Kohlweis will present their "America del Sur," a multi-media account of their trip through South America which ended in a shipwreck.

The other, "K2: Giant of the Karakoram" is by Galen Rowell, the noted wilderness photographer, who is perhaps best known for his outstanding work seen in the National Geographic Magazine and various Sierra Club publications.

The many worlds of folk dance will be featured in a single evening with AMAN, the excellent American International Folk Ballet, whose offerings will include dances from Europe, Asia, and America.

A fascinating lecture promises to be that of Herbert Block (Herblock) the Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist of the Washington Post. His lecture on political cartooning, to be held in Wheeler Auditorium, is free, with tickets available in advance.

The UC Division of Vocal Music will present three evenings of nostalgia, titled "Sentimental Journey." These will reacquaint audiences with several student performing groups, and will include dancing and a dance contest after each program.

CAL's Foreign Film Festival will present a series of Tuesday and Thursday feature films in Wheeler Auditorium and Dwinelle Hall, with performances starting at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

This year, the Committee for Arts and Lectures is making it possible for patrons to give CAL Gift Certificates as holiday presents. Information regarding the certificates is available at the CAL Ticket Office, 101 Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley, CA 94720 (842-2561). Tickets to all events are available at the same location, also through most major Bay Area ticket outlets.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Loan No. 1-520201-3  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That under and by virtue of the provisions of that certain Deed of Trust dated November 19, 1973, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of the County of Alameda, State of California, on November 20, 1973, in Volume 3557, page 62, of Official Records, executed by Robert L. Slimick and Maxine Slimick, his wife, as Trustor, to Norco Service Company, a corporation, as Trustee, and STATE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, a California corporation, as Beneficiary; And pursuant to the request of the owner and holder of the promissory note secured by the Deed of Trust above referred to;

And by reason of the default in the payment of said promissory note and breach of the conditions in said Deed of Trust provided, a Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust having been duly recorded as provided for by law in said Recorder's Office on August 29, 1975, in Book 4082, page 611;

NORCO SERVICE COMPANY, a corporation, as the present authorized and acting Trustee under said Deed of Trust, aforesaid, on Thursday, January 8, 1976, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at the main entrance to the Livermore Municipal Court, 39 So. Livermore Avenue, in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda, State of California, WILL SELL, pursuant to the power of sale conferred in said Deed of Trust, and without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, at public auction, to the highest cash bidder, in lawful money of the United States of America, all that certain real property situated in the County of Alameda State of California, described as follows:

Lot 2, Tract 2963, filed July 18, 1968, Map Book 57, page 62, Alameda County Records.

for the purpose of paying obligations secured by said Deed of Trust.

DATED: December 1, 1975

NORCO SERVICE COMPANY, a corporation

By /s/ JEFFREY Y. HAMILTON  
Its Vice President TRUSTEE

Legal PT 997  
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## On sports

## Foreman and the sunshine patriots

Mike Zampa

What do they want from George Foreman? Since Mexico City in 1968 he has attempted to give the heavyweight division its first non-convict, non-obnoxious champion in a decade. He is not a thug and he is not a mouthy bore.

In fact, barring the lapses all humans and even sports heroes are victim to, Foreman has nearly turned boxing back into a gentleman's sport.

So how come everybody snipes since he dropped the heavyweight championship to Muhammad Ali 14 months ago. The man has been in a downward tumble since that shocking defeat, and only recently has he pulled out. Apparently the chronic complainers want to fire their last shots before Foreman climbs out of the morass, and back into the ring with Ali.

They booed George Wednesday night during his exhibition preliminary to the Lunny-Everett lightweight battle. Mercifully, Foreman deposited former sparring mate Eddie Brooks in the fourth round of their bout at San Francisco Civic Auditorium. The fact that Foreman came to raise money for American Olympians, or that he left his nuclear arsenal at home for Brooks, didn't placate the masses, however. They hooted George, just like they hooted during that ill-advised five-man fiasco in Toronto last summer.

The boos came on top of a series of recent news articles picturing Foreman as a reclusive grump. He's been called uncooperative and unmanageable.

On fight night one writer moaned in print because Foreman failed to return his phone call. He accused George of being inaccessible. A lot of others levelled the same charge during the past few weeks.

What do people want? Foreman was preparing for a fight the day the newspaperman called. He is not the first major celebrity in the sports world to overlook a phone message.

What's more, training leaves him little time to moulit by the telephone, wondering when writers will get the sudden urge to call for a story.

The former champ works out every afternoon at his storefront Livermore gymnasium. He trains hard for two hours then disappears into a dreary dressing room. When reporters show up, he talks to them. Sometimes they are granted access to his tiny locker room sanctuary. Usually they are told to wait until he emerges. But he answers their questions.

Foreman and his manager, Gil Clancy, sit on one of the benches emplaced for spectators, and listen to the newsmen. They may have a plane to catch, it may be time for dinner, but they provide the answers.

As for his last two experiences in the ring, both billed as exhibitions, what do people want?

Foreman knocked out Jody Ballard in the second round three weeks ago in a Catskill resort hotel. Brooks lasted four rounds Wednesday night.

The first exhibition was a no-charge benefit for the Olympics. Spectators were asked for donations. Last week's bout was a preliminary to the North American Junior Lightweight championship.

No one in Foreman's camp pretended these would be fights to preserve in the history books. To Foreman, they were a means to say thanks for opportunities realized at the Olympics. Clancy was interested in tuning his fighter for the upcoming bout with Ron Lyle Jan 24 at Caesar's Palace.

If you believe Foreman, he didn't make a dime out of either show. Neither did he try to embarrass the other fighters. Against Brooks, Foreman spent the first two rounds flicking lifeless jabs that posed little threat. The punches that sent Brooks sprawling four times were vicious, but they weren't the climax of any heavy bombardment.

Nevertheless, George was chided by the fans. It was another impossible situation for Foreman, who has suffered many since Ali stopped him in Zaire.

Undoubtedly Foreman has brought disfavor on himself. He dismissed his boxing organization after the title devastation, casting aside popular figures like manager Dick Sadler. George floundered on his own for months. He failed to make matches.

When he finally did, it was that ludicrous six-way circus topped off by the bizarre broadcast team of Cosell and Ali.

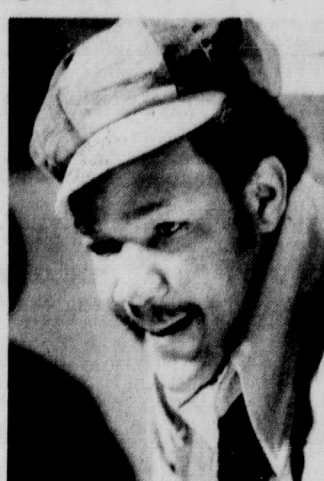
Ever since then people have made George Foreman the bad guy.

But he isn't. Foreman still feels gratitude to the government Job Corps program that pulled him off the streets of Houston. He stands by his religion, and greets the preachers who drop in to oversee workouts.

George trains feverishly, despite the critics who say he eschews hard work. His personal life is uncomplicated, though he is labelled hermit by writers spoon-fed on Ali and Sonny Liston.

After some bad times he's attempting to climb up again. If he makes it, look around. The same folks sticking pins in George Foreman now will be lining for the victory champagne.

Then we'll know what people really want. A winner, and nothing less.



GEORGE FOREMAN

EL CAJON — Kurt Billingsley of Monte Vista High School won the 165-pound division of the El Cajon Valley Wrestling Tournament here last night.

Teammate Mike Weinschelbaum also reached the finals but dropped the championship match of the 191-pound division.

Billingsley, fresh from his first loss of the season (to Steve Jaeger of Granada in Saturday's Livermore Tournament) never trailed on the way to a 6-4 win over Monte Vista's of San Diego's Mick Mahaffey. "I wrestled sloppy against Jaeger," the Mustang senior said. "So I really wanted this one."

With Billingsley leading by a point in the final peri-

od, MVSD coach Bill Coauder implored Mahaffey to allow Billingsley to escape, opening up the possibility of another takedown.

But the Don coaches' order went unheeded and Billingsley locked up the match by escaping on his own.

Weinschelbaum, on the other hand, was barely in his bout with MVSD's Ken Herrick. The curly haired heavyweight didn't score till 38 seconds to go, when he escaped. But Herrick quickly brought Weinschelbaum to the mat for the fourth time in the match, finalizing the score at 10-1. A trio of local grapplers won consolation championships.

Mike Sitts, the Wolves' 120-pounder, advanced to the

semi-finals before bumped into the losers bracket by Santana's Joe Henry, 5-4.

The former Amador High wrestler then outpointed two opponents to gain consolation honors.

Mark Vageley, San Ramon's highly touted wrestler, pinned two opponents in less than a minute and a half, but was beaten by Carlsbad's Tim Morin, 8-5 in the semi-finals of the 154-pound division. Vageley then pinned Castle Park's Jim Staiger 45 seconds into the second round to wrap up the losers' bracket via the criteria route.

The Mustangs' Greg Boynton took the 175-pound division in similar fashion.

—Dave Weber

## McKay praises 1975 Trojans

MEMPHIS (AP) — For the record, Southern California Coach John McKay thinks his Trojans are a lot better team than a 7-4 record, which they had before Monday night's Liberty Bowl game, would indicate.

The Texas A & M Aggies will probably back McKay on that account too.

McKay, fielding a college squad for the last time, saw his Trojans sweep past the second-ranked Aggies 20-0 Monday night, in the near freezing temperatures of the 17th annual Liberty Bowl.

"Winning was the most important part of it," said McKay.

"It was a very important game because I was getting tired of having people talk about our losing streak. We're a better team than our record," he said.

The Trojans, after winning seven straight, came into

Memphis with a four-game losing streak that began just after McKay announced he was leaving Southern Cal, after 16 years, to become coach of the National Football League's expansion franchise at Tampa, Fla.

It was a record breaking evening, beginning with the 50,129 fans who braved 36-degree weather to see the game. The figure exceeded the 51,410 fans on hand for the 1971 Arkansas-Tennessee game.

Trojan kicker Glen Walker opened scoring and the record book with 10:25 left in the first quarter, on a 45-yard field goal to put USC ahead 3-0.

Trojan fullback Mose Tatu-pu crashed in from the one to open second quarter scoring, before Walker hit a 40-yard field goal, to tie three other placekickers for most field goals in a Liberty Bowl game.

## Valley bowling

## Killian nabs crown

San Francisco's Mike Coleman, a 219 average bowler with no handicap, staged a dramatic rush at the singles championship last weekend but finished third in the Livermore Valley Bowling Tournament.

Coleman rolled a 743 three-game series, and heading into the last frame, was within reach of eventual winner Larry Killian of Fremont. Coleman failed to overtake both Killian and runnerup Lucy Wallace of Livermore, however, and settled for third.

Killian won with 775, while Wallace posted a 762 total. Crinklan Farms of Gustine took the team championship with a 3362. In doubles, the husband-wife team of Diane and Terry Castelman triumphed with a 1422 total.

When standings are finalized, \$9,000 in prize money

will be awarded, a record for the 11-year old tournament.

## Final Standings

Team Event (Open) — Crinklan Farms, 3362; Winners, 3311; Souful Five, 3280; Danville Bowl, 3265; ACBA, 3234; Fremont World Travel, 3222; Fremont Bowl, 3219; Station Zebra, 3203; San Ramon Drop Outs, 3203; Mid State Bowl No. 5, 3201.

Team Event (Booster) — Souful Five, 3280; Station Zebra, 3203; San Ramon Drop Outs, 3203.

Doubles Event (Open) — Diane and Terry Castelman, 1422; Tom Gage, Mike Martin, 1397; Larry Fudenna, Lynn Guardino, 1394; Florence and Napoleon Flores, 1389; Betty Motkus, Mary Politz, 1384; T. Dabalos, Adam Fernandez, 1383; Sandy and Ben Agui, 1372; Rich Hope, Howard Young, 1363; Glen Poulter, Doubles Event (Booster) — Florence and Napoleon Flores, 1389.

Singles Event (Open) — Larry Killian, 775; Lucy Wallace, 762; Mike Coleman, 743; Ken Centers, 731; Tim Real, 730; Wes LaPlante, 728; Harry Qualls, 723; Kathy Scott, 718; Bennie Rapacorn, 718; Betty Brown, 717; Linda Swim, 717.

Singles Event (Booster) — Harry Qualls, 723.

## Freeman, Silva EB winners

Ron Freeman and Linda Silva were among three people honored this morning as East Bay Preps of the Week.

The East Bay Prep Writers Association tabbed Freeman, a Granada High School wrestler, as the Alameda County prep. Silva, a Monte Vista basketball player, was co-recipient in Contra Costa, along with College Park cage star Doug True.

All three receive the Flecto Sports Award from the sponsoring Flecto Co. of Oakland. Freeman was selected for an outstanding week of heavyweight wrestling that climaxed Saturday night at the Livermore Invitational Tournament. Ron pinned highly regarded Kevin Turner from Mission San Jose to win the heavyweight championship.

Coupled with two pins in preliminary rounds, Freeman was named outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

Freeman boosted his record for the year to 12-0. He also won two matches in dual meets last week, pinning one opponent in just 54 seconds.

One of the school's outstanding athletes, Freeman was an All-EBAL selection as an offensive and defensive tackle in football. He was named to the All-East Bay second team in football.

## TWO FOR OUR BLOCK

SHAWNEE MISSION, Kan. (AP) — There could have been a big block party on Cheverly, Md., after two Ivy League games on the same day this season. Harvard's Jim Curry took nine passes for 214 yards in a 34-13 win over Cornell. And Charley Watkins of Brown caught a final period pass and ran 65 yards for a touchdown as his team tied Dartmouth 10-10.

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2. Debbie Kachalin, 7574 Amarillo Rd., Dublin, age 12  
3. David Derry, 8018 Cranford Lane, Dublin, age 6

## BETTER HOMES REALTY — 4088 East Ave., Livermore

1. Kevin Lim, 4333 Davis Way, Livermore, age 9  
2. Nelly Ramos, 486 So. K St., Livermore, age 11  
3. Tami Thomas, 463 Alameda Dr., Livermore, age 4

## BETTER HOMES REALTY — 287 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton

1. Pam Michelson, 3987 Churchill, Pleasanton, age 8  
2. Uwe Rutke, 2348 Greenwood Rd., Pleasanton, age 5  
3. Brett Kubik, 1810 Tanglewood Way, Pleasanton, age 11

## CENTURY 21 MARK GAYTON REALTY, 163 Neal, Pleasanton

1. Kevin Carolan, 3230 Rayton, Pleasanton, age 11  
2. Lona Mack, 772 Sunset Dr., Livermore, age 12  
3. Jurgan Rutke, 2348 Greenwood, Pleasanton, age 8

## CENTURY 21 TELFORD REALTY, 260 Main, Pleasanton

1. William Cherry, 390 Polk, Livermore, age 4  
2. Scott Skeith, 4321 Bevilacqua, Pleasanton, age 7  
3. Cathy Dodgett, 6338 Soddard, Pleasanton, age 8

## CENTURY 21 CHARLIE BROWN — 2157 First St., Livermore

1. Peggy Vesperman, 849 Del Norte Dr., Livermore, age 7  
2. Ann Marie Birmingham, 4829 Heath, Pleasanton, age 10  
3. Tami Thomas, 463 Alameda Dr., Livermore, age 4

## COLUMBUS REALTY — 1641 Barcelona St., Livermore

1. Pam Michelson, 3987 Churchill, Pleasanton, age 8  
2. Bernadette Speaker, 523 Covington, Livermore, age 9  
3. Hong Tran, 734 South L St., Livermore, age 12

## COVERED WAGON REALTY — 2115 First St., Livermore

1. Korin Kachel, 3925 Duke Way, Livermore, age 11  
2. Dan Frame, Oakmont Circle, Livermore, age 10  
3. Christopher Speaker, 523 Covington Way, Livermore, age 8

## FALENDER HOMES, Oakhill, Pleasanton

1. Korin Kachel, 3925 Duke Way, Livermore, age 11  
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2. Korin Kachel, 3925 Duke Way, Livermore, age 11  
3. Darcie Boddington, 2006 Harvest Place, Pleasanton, age 12

## PAUL WELLS REALTY — 2566 First St., Livermore

1. Korin Kachel, 3925 Duke Way, Livermore, age 11  
2. Ingo Neuman, 562 Starling Ave., Livermore, age 9  
3. Cindy Cortez, 2454 Pyramid St., Livermore, age 12

## TRI-VALLEY BROKERS — 8929 San Ramon Blvd., Dublin

1. Ricky Dabacho, 7618 San Sabana, Dublin age 12  
2. Joanna Trujillo, 7574 Knollwood, Dublin age 12  
3. David Derry, 8018 Cranford, Dublin, age 6

## TRI-VALLEY BROKERS — 7335 Village Pkwy., Dublin

1. Sharon Swartz, 11741 Muriel Ct., Dublin, age 12  
2. Andrea Hethel, 7552 Blue Fox Way, Dublin, age 8  
3. Lisa Sullivan, 651 Beth Place, Livermore age 6

## TRI-VALLEY BROKERS, 268 Main, Pleasanton

1. Kerry Moore, 1818 Tanglewood, Pleasanton, age 5  
2. Pam Michelson, 3987 Churchill, Pleasanton, age 8  
3. Scott Skeith, 4321 Bevilacqua, Pleasanton, age 7

## VALLEY REALTY — 1732 First St., Livermore

1. Cindy Cortez, 2454 Pyramid St., Livermore, age 12  
2. Michael Elm, 4884 Golden Rd., Pleasanton, age 10  
3. Peggy Vesperman, 844 Del Norte Dr., Livermore, age 7

## VALLEY REALTY, 4301 Valley, Pleasanton

1. Tanya Doyle, 1952 Brooktree, Pleasanton, age 6  
2. Scott Skeith, 4321 Bevilacqua, Pleasanton, age 7  
3. Brett Kubik, 1810 Tanglewood, Pleasanton, age 11

## VALLEY REALTY — 7980 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin

1. David Derry, 8018 Cranford Lane, Dublin, age 6  
2. Linda Kachalin, 7574 Amarillo Rd., Dublin, age 11  
3. Mitch Datig, 253 Kent Pl., San Ramon, age 12

## VALLEY REALTY — 2729 Crow Canyon Rd., San Ramon

1. James Marini, 8825 Davona Dr., San Ramon, age 9  
2. Stephen Swartz, 11741 Muriel Ct., Dublin, age 8  
3. Chris Nantz, 73 Eden Place, San Ramon, age 7 1/2

## VINTAGE REALTY — 7045 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, 164 Main St., Pleasanton, 2205 4th St., Livermore

1. Christopher Speaker, 523 Covington Way, Liv., age 8  
2. Mitch Datig, 253 Kent Place, San Ramon, age 12  
3. Robbie Richards, 2862 Calle Reynoso, Pleasanton, age 6

## WESTERN REALTY, 800 Main, Pleasanton

1. Debbie Cotter, 5584 San Jose, Pleasanton, age 9  
2. Mike Elm, 4884 Golden, Pleasanton, age 10  
3. Janette Valera, 5290 Ridgevale, Pleasanton, age 5

## WOODREN REALTY, 11900 Silvergate, Dublin

1. Kim Rose, 11623 Castilian Ct., Dublin, age 8  
2. Brett Kubik, 1810 Tanglewood, Pleasanton, age 11  
3. Dinna Davis, 6744 Hickory, Dublin, age 11

## WOODREN REALTY, 4265 First, Pleasanton

1. Scott Skeith, 4321 Bevilacqua, Pleasanton, age 7  
2. Brett Kubik, 1810 Tanglewood, Pleasanton, age 11  
3. Jennifer De Cotte, 2371 Corte Dela Jarra, Ples., age 3

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